

Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

Jobless rates down in all 120 counties for second straight month

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FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 23, 2014) – Unemployment rates fell in all 120 Kentucky counties between September 2013 and September 2014, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet. This is the second consecutive month that Kentucky has seen a year-over-year drop in all counties. Last month was the first time on record this had happened.

Daviess and Warren counties recorded the lowest jobless rates in the Commonwealth at 4.8 percent each. They were followed by Boone, Fayette, Madison, Oldham, Owen, Scott, Shelby, Simpson, Spencer and Woodford counties, 4.9 percent each.

Jackson County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate – 13.2 percent. It was followed by Magoffin County, 12.6 percent; Harlan and Leslie counties, 11.4 percent each; Letcher County, 10.9 percent; Knott County, 10.1 percent; Bell County, 9.7 percent; Clay County, 9.6 percent; Fulton County, 9.4 percent; and McCreary County, 9.2 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted because of the small sample size for each county. The data should only be compared to the same month in previous years.

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